India's Honorary Consul General abroad

4561. DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of countries where our Honorary Consul Genearls are posted;

(b) what is the criterion for appointment of an Honorary Consul General;

(c) what are the rates of honorarium being paid to them; and

(d) whether it is Government's policy to encourage appointing more Honorary Consul Generals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) India has Honorary Consul Generals/ Honorary Consuls in 21 countries. List of these countries is attached Statement. *(See* below)

(b) Honorary Consul Generals/Consuls are appointed at places where it is not possible to establish regular Missions/ Posts for reasons of economy or otherwise but where the presence of Indian Representative would assist in looking after our essential political, economic, consular and other interests. The individuals recommended for the position are persons of eminence and status commanding respect in the areas of their jurisdiction

(c) No honorarium is paid to Honorary Consul General.

(d) Each case for the appointment of an Honorary Consul General/Consul is considered on merits

Statement

List of Countries where India has Honorary Consul Generals/Consuls

1. Australia
2. Belgium
3. Costa Rica
4. Djibouti
5. Equador
6. Germany
7. Guatemala
8. Italy
9. Liberia
10. Luxembourg
11. Paraguay
12. Portugal
13. Sierra Leone
14. Spain
15. Switzerland
16. Togo
17. Turkey
18. United States of Americ
19. Venezuela
20. Zaire
21. Zambia

India's relations with Bosnia and Serbia

4562 SHRI K. R. MALKANI:
SHRI O P KOHLI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that Government have invited the Foreign Minister of Bosnia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is a party to the U.N. sanctions against Serbia; and

(c) if so, what is the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Government have accepted the initiative of the Foreign Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina to pay a visit to India, though mutually convenient dates are yet to be finalised

(b) Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council concerning sanctions against Serbia-Montenegro are binding on the international community and Indian has been observing them